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The reparations in the antitrust case with Microsoft should not offer the company another opportunity to further it's stronghold in the marketplace. Specifically, the recent news of Microsoft proposing to give technology to education would, I think, be analogous to it's original practice of wedging out competitors with it's browser software.

Giving to education is a noble gesture and perhaps a good one but only if that giving is not attached to it's products but rather monetary, letting the school's themselves decide how to best spend it on technology, even specifically computer technology. This would provide the desired effect of reparation without the undesirable effect of increasing market base unfairly, again.

Thanks for your attention in this matter.

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